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## REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application in light of the above amendments is courteously solicited.

By the instant amendment Applicant has cancelled claim 6 which is the only claim rejected in the instant application.

Claims 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7 have been allowed. Accordingly, the instant application is now in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is respectfully requested.

An earnest and thorough attempt has been made by the undersigned to resolve the outstanding issues in this case and place same in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or feels that a telephone or personal interview would be helpful in resolving any outstanding issues which remain in this application after consideration of this amendment, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned and the same would be gratefully appreciated.

It is submitted that the claims as amended herein patentably define over the art relied on by the Examiner and early allowance of same is courteously solicited.

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If any fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

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